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OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Republic of Croatia welcomes Security Council resolution 781 (1992), in which the Council establishes a "no-fly zone" over the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and wishes to express its willingness to cooperate fully in its implementation. It is in this spirit that an agreement was reached between Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) Dobrica Cosic, on 30 September 1992, which welcomes the early stationing of international observers on the airfields in their respective countries.

The Republic of Croatia is deeply concerned about the intended transfer of military aircraft, used by Serbian insurgents, from the Bosnian city of Banja Luka to airfields in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). We are concerned that this entails an arms shipment from the sovereign State of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and is, therefore, a violation of Security Council resolution 724 (1991), in which the Council imposed an arms embargo on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, and of Security Council resolution 757 (1992), in which the Council imposed sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia should be alerted to this matter.

We hope that international control over Serbian-operated aircraft in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina will prevent further air attacks on the civilian population and military targets in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Because of the sensitivity of this matter, we strongly believe that measures imposed by the United Nations must be fulfilled and observed in every possible way, with full guarantees for their comprehensive implementation. It is to be understood that this would also mean the control of military helicopters, since they also pose a threat to humanitarian convoys and to the civilian population of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, and that these helicopters are being used for violating sanctions imposed by the Security Council in its resolutions 724 (1991) and 757 (1992).

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It is our understanding that this possible transfer of aircraft from Banja Luka to Belgrade cannot limit the rights of the Republic of Croatia and other successor States regarding the property of the former Yugoslavia. These aircraft are to be considered common property to be divided among the successor States, and should also be included in the agenda of the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia at Geneva.

The Republic of Croatia highly commends the efforts of the United Nations to promote peace and stability on the territory of the former Yugoslavia and emphasizes the need to implement, promptly and fully, all existing resolutions concerning this matter.

I would appreciate if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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